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Jane Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Docket #00P-1211/CPl
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney,

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of regulation of genetically-engineered foods. I understand that there is no comprehensive government regulation of genetically engineered foods, yet we've been eating them since 1996. This seems extremely foolhardy, given that science has not yet weighed in on their safety, either to human or environmental health.

We must require caution in the development of genetically engineered foods, including pre-testing and labeling of new products, corporate accountability to consumers and public regulation. So I am writing in support of a local petition by the Center for Food Safety.

FDA should require that:

- No new genetically engineered foods or products with genetically engineered ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all genetically engineered foods before they go to market.

- All genetically engineered foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the ability to know what is in the food they are eating.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

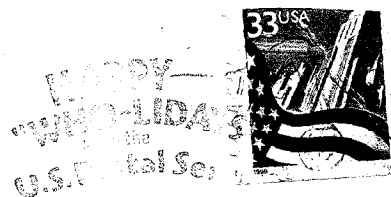
Sincerely,

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